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1. Erwin Kerber, one of the deputy chairmen of the East German State Planning Commission, is responsible, in addition to his other duties, for all matters concerning the Council for Mutual Economic Aid (CEMA) and for the general supervision of research and technology.¹ 25X1
2. Between 27 October and 30 October 1954, a conference was held to discuss the East German Chemistry Plan for 1955. The chairman of the conference was Erwin Kerber. Other members of the East German State Planning Commission who attended the conference were: 25X1

Loeschner (fnu), Kerber's Referent

Dr. Merke, (fnu), Planning Area for Basic Materials
(Plangebiet Grundstoffe) 25X1

Karioth, (fnu), Planning Area for Basic Chemistry
(Plangebiet Grundchemie)²

Mitterer, (fnu), Coordination (Koordinierung)³
Pertinent members of the State Committee for Material Procurement with the rank of Hauptreferent and higher were also present.

3. In order to alleviate partially the shortage of power, Kerber approved a suggestion by Dr. Werner Winkler, Deputy Minister for Chemistry of the Ministry for Heavy Industry, to purchase a "Winkler generator" 25X1

4. This generator is said to be on the COCOM embargo list. 25X1

Comments:

1. It is considered not impossible that the channel of communication between Soviet authorities and the East German Central Office for Research and Technology (ZAF) runs through Kerber. 25X1

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2. This section may be identical with the office listed under D.3. of section A1h of the handbook "Organization of the Government and Political Parties of the German Democratic Republic."

3. This section may be identical with the office listed under C.2. of section A1h of above handbook.

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